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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/56/L.76)*]

56/281. Participation in the plenary meetings of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/258 of 31 January 2002, by which it decided to convene the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development and also decided that the Meeting would consist of three plenary meetings and separate informal panels,

Noting that the Meeting will be held on 17 and 18 June 2002,

Noting also that in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly recalled, inter alia, the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council[1] as well as resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001, in which the Assembly had welcomed the fact that the World Summit on the Information Society would be held in December 2003 in Geneva and in December 2005 in Tunis,

Noting further that in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly welcomed, inter alia, the fact that the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force had been launched on 20 November 2001,

Noting that the Digital Opportunities Task Force was launched at the G-8 Kyushu-Okinawa summit which was held from 21 to 23 July 2000,[2]

Welcoming the fact that, at its second meeting on 4 February 2002, the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force agreed to work together with the Digital Opportunities Task Force implementation teams to advance the shared agenda,

Noting that the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2002 was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 18 to 27 March 2002,

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 17.

[2] See A/55/257-S/2000/766, annex, para. 12.

Decides to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chairman of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, the Chairman of the Digital Opportunities Task Force, and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to make statements at the first plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development.

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